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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 715

SUBJECT: GOG AGREES TO CLEMENCY FOR TWO PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN
RETURN FOR RELEASE OF GREEK SHIP HIGHJACKED IN KARACHI

REF: ATHENS 714

1. CONSTANTINE RALLIS, MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER, TELEPHONED
DCM AT 1630 LOCAL TIME TODAY TO SAY THE GREEK SHIP VORI
WHICH HAD BEEN SIEZED BY TERRORISTS IN KARACHI PORT WOULD BE
RELEASED TOGETHER WITH THE GREEK HOSTAGES AND THAT THE TERRORISTS
WOULD BE GIVEN A PLANE TO LEAVE KARACHI. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING
HE ADMITTED THAT THE GOG HAD ALSO AGREED TO GRANT CLEMENCY TO THE
TWO PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS RECENTLY SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A GREEK
COURT.

2. DCM EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT GOG HAD GIVEN INTO BLACKMAIL
POINTING OUT IT WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE FURTHER HIGHJACKING. RALLIS
AGREED BUT SAID GOG FELT IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE. OTHERWISE THERE
WOULD BE CONTINUOUS THREATS TO GREEK AIR PLANES AND SHIPS.

3. RALLIS PROVIDED FOREGOING INFORMATION ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS
EXPLAINING GOG HAD NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED WHAT SORT OF AN
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ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE AND WHEN, BUT THAT A STATEMENT WOULD BE

MADE FAIRLY SOON.

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